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South African Threat to use Imported Maize

South Africa's egg producers have threatened to rely more heavily on maize imports, claiming they were being crippled by "super profits" being earned by local farmers. "The super profits generated by the South African maize industry are largely incapacitating poultry and egg export efforts," the SA Poultry Association: Egg Organization said in a statement. "We are bleeding," said spokesperson Zach Coetzee.

The body claimed that the cost of feed had risen by more than 70% in the past year, while per capita consumption of eggs had dropped by 5%. "Consumers can clearly no longer afford these outrageously high maize prices," it said.

Grain SA, however, accused the Organization of using maize producers as a scapegoat for its own bad decision.

There was a mechanism on the SA Futures Exchange (Safex) in terms of which maize buyers could hedge themselves against rising prices by taking out a contract a year in advance at current prices. The Organization could have done this in October last year when the price was about R700 a ton, Grain SA chairperson Bully Botma said. The current price is about R1,600 per ton.

Botma denied that maize farmers were generating "super profits", or that this was the reason for the price rises. Prices were influenced by global factors such as the Rand/US dollar exchange rate, he said. The Egg Organization said the mill door price of maize for September was at least R300 per ton higher than that of South Africa's European Union competitors.

Botma said much of the maize available on the overseas market was of a much lower quality than that produced locally.

Based on October 2002 exchange rate: 1 US\$ = 10.36 Rand

Source: International Egg Commission, October Newsletter

Japanese Imports of Frozen Broilers (in tons)

	United States	China	Brazil	Thailand	Total
2001					
June	7,638	12,357	9,093	9,398	38,486
July	7,867	107	10,537	11,736	30,247
August	7,690	1	11,145	13,030	31,866
Total	51,603	99,123	64,861	81,101	296,688
2002					
June	2,928	11,076	7,704	14,189	35,897
July	5,606	12,561	4,686	14,457	37,310
August	5,152	9,628	15,298	12,313	42,391
Total	30,421	74,615	115,376	129,331	349,743

Source: ALIC Monthly statistics

Brazil's Meat Exports in metric tons

	Sep 02	Sep 01	FY02	FY01
Chicken	248,332	113,604	1,499,332	1,155,112
All Meat	376,844	204,709	2,594,547	1,916,972

Fiscal Year is October-September

Brazil's Chicken Exports by Major Markets, in '000 metric tons

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Saudi Arabia	160.3	185.2	168.0	217.2	207.6	256.0
China/Hong Kong	55.1	72.4	72.4	101.5	112.6	131.7
Japan	120.3	93.7	73.4	100.5	109.3	100.6
Netherlands	2.4	12.6	10.9	20.0	40.8	70.4

Quantity in million metric tons

Gross Agricultural Output - Brazil 2000 and 2001

	Production		*Avg Prices		Gross Output US\$	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
Poultry	5,977	6,600	.50/kg	2.69/kg	16,798	17,820
Pork	1,967	2,062	0.63/kg	3.56/kg	6,882	7,341
Beef	6,650	6,850	1.20/kg	6.63/kg	44,288	45,245

Production: Meat 1,000 metric tons, 2001 based on estimates

*Based on December 2001 exchange rate 1US\$ = 2.360 Rand

Sources: Brazil's Ministry of Agriculture, IBGE; SECEX; CONAB; ABEF; UBA

European Union Regulation on Animal By-Products

A new Regulation(1) on animal by-products was just adopted by the European Parliament and the Council and will apply on 1 May 2003. It aims to integrate the animal by-products sector into the "farm to table" approach for food safety as set out in the White Paper on Food Safety adopted in January 2000. It introduces stringent conditions throughout the food and feed chains requiring safe collection, transport, storage, handling, processing, uses and disposal of animal by-products. It sets up a completely new approach.

In the past, raw material of a lower health standard than the one used for human food were permitted for use in animal feeds. For example, animals that died on farm and were unfit for human consumption could enter the animal feed chain. This practice of recycling cadavers and material unfit for human consumption into the feed chain was the main factor in the spreading of the BSE epidemic, but also of other food scandals, such as the dioxin crises and foot and mouth disease. This practice is now prohibited.

The Regulation extends the current ruminant intra-species recycling (cannibalism) ban to other species. Porcine animal by-products cannot be fed to pigs and poultry animal by-products cannot be fed to poultry.

Source: European Commission Press Release

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending November 09, 2002		Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	407	315	22,465	11,420
Frozen	0	0	21	78
Dried	0	40	744	280
Total	407	355	23,230	11,778

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

	Week Ending November 09, 2002		Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	138	153	5,465	4,840
Frozen	6	23	2,994	1,414
Dried	120	0	4,645	492
Total	264	176	13,104	6,746

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending November 09, 2002		Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Jumbo	83	0	1,679	87
Extra Large	2,900	1,110	41,112	60,602
Large	3,730	2,620	116,397	120,618
Medium	120	900	43,511	40,408
Ungraded	5,220	17,590	311,015	374,040
Misc	0	0	14,797	69,614
Total	12,053	22,220	528,511	665,369

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 9-Nov-02**(PRELIMINARY) U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,438	1,548	2,986
LAST WEEK	1,697	1,538	3,235
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,844	1,431	3,275
TO-DATE/2002	78,796	63,839	142,635
TO-DATE/2001	80,516	60,828	141,344

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	220	0	220
LAST WEEK	313	3	316
SAME WEEK YR AGO	148	0	148
TO-DATE/2002	13,638	275	13,913
TO-DATE/2001	18,635	279	18,914

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,658	1,548	3,206
LAST WEEK	2,010	1,541	3,551
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,992	1,431	3,423
TO-DATE/2002	92,434	64,114	156,548
TO-DATE/2001	99,151	61,107	160,258

SOURCE: USDA/AMS PLTRY PROGRAMS, MRKT NEWS BR.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

CHICKEN	15-NOV-2002	
	PRICES	VOLUME
	(Cents per Pound)	

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

	15-NOV-2002	
	PRICES	VOLUME
	(Cents per Pound)	

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	14.00	102,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-14.00	9.00-13.00	1,078,800	-
WTD AVERAGE	13.13	10.81		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

CHICKEN	15-NOV-2002	
	PRICES	VOLUME
	(Cents per Pound)	

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

	15-NOV-2002	
	PRICES	VOLUME
	(Cents per Pound)	

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	12.00-16.00	13.50-14.00	682,000	208,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.32	13.71		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-15.00	11.00-13.00	2,726,500	1,180,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.00	11.85		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 15 NOVEMBER 2002.

The trade sentiment on tom breast meat was steady to weak, balance of white meat was steady to barely steady. Demand was light on white meat. Rib breast inquiry light to instances fair on 4-8 lb. sizes with interest noted for December shipments, fair to good institutional sizes. Tom breast meat offerings were adequate to instances burdensome, balance of boneless white meat ranged adequate to fully adequate. Rib breast offerings ranged light to instances adequate with 10-16 lb. sizes the least available. The market on bulk parts was mostly steady with some increased unsettledness noted. The undertone on thigh meat and MST was mixed, varying by seller. Fresh wing meat 54, fresh ground breast trim 89, frozen Grade A non-basted breasts: 4-8 lb. 122-125, 8-10 lb. 98-100, 10-12 lb. 108-110, 12-14lb. 112-118 cents delivered domestic.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00-21.00		20.82	448	20.61	672
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	22.25	208	22.25	208
TAILS						
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	18.00-19.00		18.50	80	18.97	444
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	47.50		47.50	52	50.13	616

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	20.18	224
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	22.25	208
TAILS		R	17.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	18.00		18.00	104
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	52.85	264

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		T	20.18	224
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	22.25		22.25	208
TAILS		R	17.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/		T	19.50	260
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	48.00-57.00		52.85	264

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2002**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00-21.00		20.18	224
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		T	25.50	104
TAILS		R	17.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	19.50		19.50	260
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	47.00-56.00		48.20	300

*****NOTICE*******MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2002****NO EXPORT TRADING REPORTED DUE TO VETERANS DAY HOLIDAY**

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY 2/
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